

OLD TWIN ROADS STATION  
Fairlee, Maryland  
(ca 1931 & 1935)

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Old Twin Roads Station

**2 LOCATION**STREET & NUMBER North side of intersection of Route  
20 & 298

CITY, TOWN

Fairlee

☒ VICINITY OF1st  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Kent

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: vacant

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Maggie Jones &amp; Howard C. Jones, Jr.

Telephone #: (Sr. 778-1841)

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Fairlee

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21620

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC Kent County Court HouseLiber #: WHG 75  
Folio #: 97

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown, Maryland

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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### CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Situated in the V formed by the intersection of Route 20 and Route 298 on the south side of Fairlee, is a small, hipped roofed structure that formerly housed a gas station.

The structure is essentially square--about 14' on a side--with its low hipped roof pierced on each side by low, shed dormers. The front has a central entry door (with 5 panels) that is flanked by a pair of 6 over 6 sash windows. There are additional windows centered in each side wall and a one-story lean-to shed at the rear.

The most distinctive element of the building is the porte cochiere at the front. Its very shallow pedimented roof has exposed rafter ends and is supported by two tapered square columns which rest on brick bases.

Detailing is very simple: plain flush window and door trim and 6" lapped weatherboard. The building is painted white and has a light grey asphalt shingle roof.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1931-35

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

After 1974 when the oil exporting countries first embargoed petroleum shipments to the United States, small gasoline stations throughout the country closed their doors. Neglected and unused, many of the buildings that had housed these businesses began to disappear. Some older stations, like this one, had for years been vacant or had been occupied by marginal businesses. The "Energy Crises" has increased their rate of disappearance.

This building resembles other small gasoline stations built in rural areas in the 1920's to 1940's. It bears a likeness to bungalow houses of the same period, but the flat pediment of the porte cochiere makes an unmistakable, if ironic, reference to Greek temples and the whole body of symbolism associated with the tradition of classical architecture.

The building was constructed by Maggie and Howard C. Jones between 1931 and 1935. Known as the Twin Roads Station, the business was operated until 1963. The building has been vacant since the closing.

There is another similiar building in the village of Fairlee but it is smaller, made of concrete block, and lacks the porte cochiere.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Kent County Land Records, Kent County Court House, Chestertown, Maryland  
Interview with Mrs. Maggie Jones.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE  
Marsha L. Fritz, Survey Consultant

ORGANIZATION  
Kent County Planning Commission

DATE  
778-4600, ext.67

STREET & NUMBER  
Court House

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN  
Chestertown, Maryland

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

Chain of Title  
OLD GAS STATION (K-429)

Land Records of  
Kent County

Transaction

WHG 75  
97

TO: Maggie & Howard Jones  
FROM: Maggie Jones  
DATE: 1962

Maggie Jones (Howard C., Sr.) conveyed her property to her son and herself in 1962.

RAS 38  
58

TO: Maggie & Howard C. Jones  
FROM: Holt Oil Co., Caroline Co.  
DATE: January 9, 1946

For \$1,155.11

RAS 15  
69

TO: Holt Oil Co.  
FROM: Maggie & Howard C. Jones  
DATE: December 12, 1935

For \$2,000.00 a portion of the land sold below and the building.

RAS 6  
279

TO: H.C. Jones & Maggie Jones  
FROM: William M. Lewis  
DATE: March 6, 1931

For \$750.00 a lot at the intersection of Route 20 and Route 298.

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
CORPS OF ENGINEERS



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12°30'

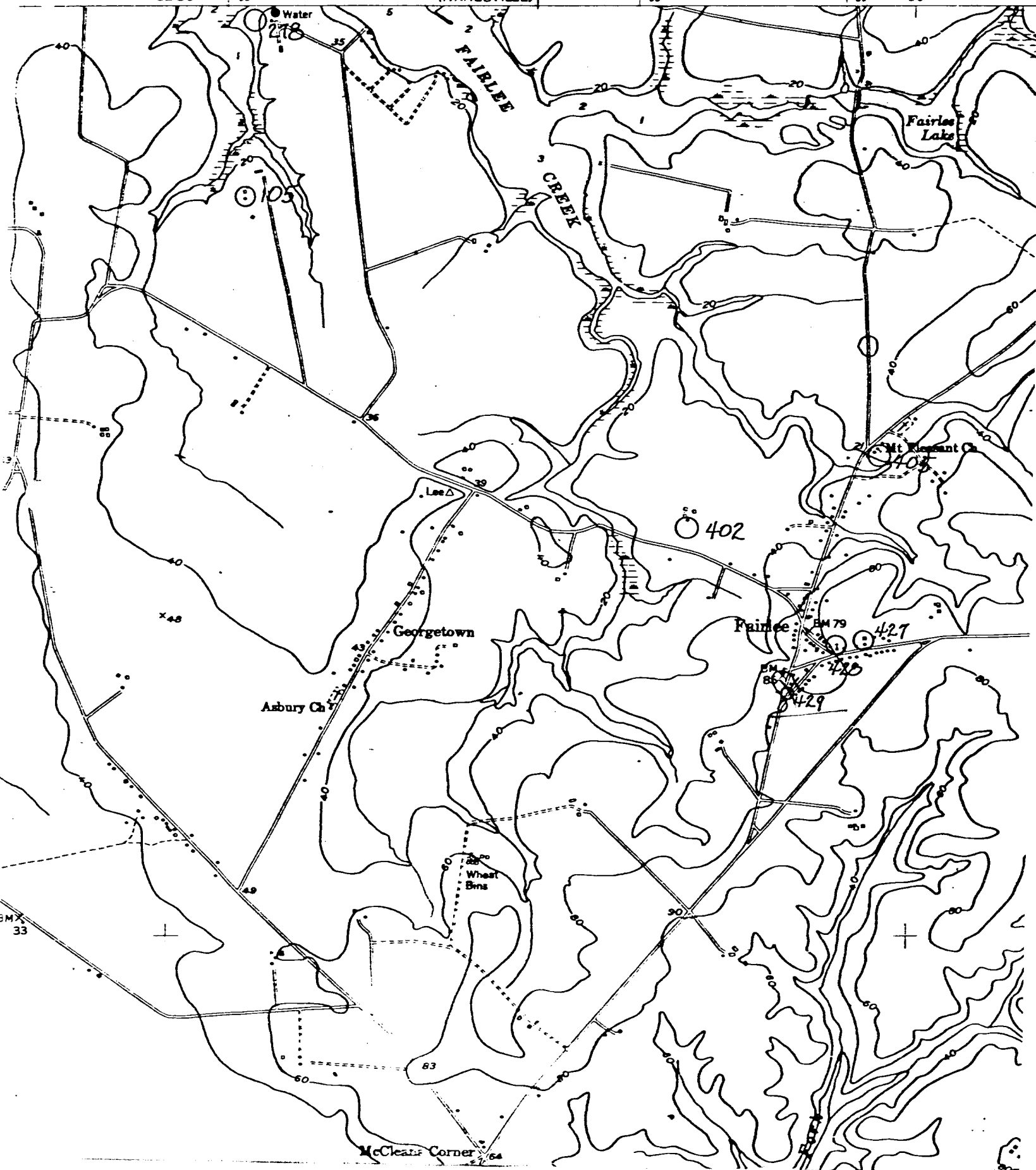
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5762 1 SW  
(HANESVILLE)

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10'







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Old Gas Station

(Old Twin Roads Station)

View to North

Fairlee

Kent County

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